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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 13 and 16-33 were pending. In the Office Action, Claims 13, 16, 17, 19, 21-24, and 26 were rejected, Claims 18, 20, 25, and 27 were objected to, and Claims 28-33 were allowed. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have amended Claim 1 and 21. The amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 28-33. Claims 18, 20, 25, and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent Claims 13 and 21 to incorporate the limitations of Claims 18 and 27, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 13 and 21, as well as Claims 16, 17 and 19-20 that depend from amended Claim 13, and Claims 22-26 that depend from amended Claim 21 are allowable. Additionally, Applicants have added new Claims 34 and 35 to rewrite Claims 20 and 25 in independent form, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 34 and 35 as well as new Claims 36 and 37 that depend from new Claim 35 are allowable.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects claims 13, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chang, et al., U.S. Patent 6,169,907 ("Chang"). As discussed above, Applicants have amended Claim 13 such that it now incorporates limitations from Claim 18, which the Examiner indicated would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Office Action, page 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claim 13 and its dependents.

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Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chang* in view of *Larsson*, et al., U.S. Patent 5,241,690 ("*Larsson*") and further of *Gilhousen*, et al., U.S. Patent 5,385,486 ("*Gilhousen*"). As discussed above, Applicants have amended Claim 13 such that it now incorporates limitations from Claim 18, which the Examiner indicated would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Office Action, page 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claim 19.

The Examiner rejected Claims 24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Larsson* in view of *Gilhousen*. As discussed above, Applicants have amended Claim 21 such that it now incorporates limitations from Claim 27, which the Examiner indicated would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Office Action, page 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 24 and 26.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and for reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 of Siemens Information & Communications Products, L.L.C.

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